

THE BAN MAY BE RAISED.

Two Months Since the Promulgation of the
 Edict Against the Odd Fellows, Knights
 of Pythias, and Sons of Temperance—
 No Effort Made to Enforce It—The Ma-
 jority of the Clergy Opposed to the Ban.

Although two months have passed since it was announced to the Roman Catholic priests of this country that the three secret societies, the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and the Sons of Temperance, had been put under the ban by Pope Leo, there has been little or no effort made by the clergymen of that Church to enforce the decree, and the belief is growing among Catholics that it will either be rescinded or become a

In the archdiocese of New York the announcement of the Pope's decision was made to the people by Archbishop Corrigan at the last regular quarterly theological conference, which was held in the Cathedral School Hall on Dec. 20. The announcement for the diocese of Brooklyn was made a few days earlier, by Bishop McDonnell at a similar gathering of the priests under his charge in the old Jay street cathedral. It is a significant fact that the method of making known the Pope's edict was entirely informal, also that, although the matter thereafter was taken up and discussed widely by both the secular and religious press, the pastors of the

churches and their spiritual directors, the Bishops and Archbishops have made no special announcement of the ban to the laity. Usually in a matter of so great importance the members of the latter body are informed of the action of the authorities of the Church by pastoral letters, which are sent by each Bishop to the pas-

Inquiries have poured in upon all prominent clergymen concerning the exact terms of the decree and the reasons for its issuance, but the answers returned have been meagre and unsatisfactory. There seems to be a desire on the part of the priests to avoid discussion of the ban. It is true that the reason for the decree is the raising of a large number of priests of the diocese of Baltimore, at which Cardinal Gibbons was present, the mooted question of the interdiction of these societies came up for discussion. On being appealed to for an exact interpretation of the meaning of the decree, Cardinal Gibbons said: "I am not a lawyer, but I can give you this: 'Do nothing in the matter until you hear from me again. In a short time I may have something of great importance to say to you on this subject.'"

Since then the priests of the diocese of Baltimore have made no efforts to enforce or advocate the decree. They have been content to be silent among them that at least one of the societies named, the Ophi Fellowship, will be restored to the good graces of the hierarchy. The banishment of the largest and most influential of its kind in the Christian world, its membership in New York alone being about 800,000, and the impression had prevailed all along among the

the authorities of the Church than any of the societies either affiliating with the Masons or following closely their methods. It also has probably the largest Roman Catholic membership of the secret societies and orders, and no serious objections had been offered against it of recent years until two months ago, nor had the sacraments of the Church been refused to its members, as they

were warned that the subject of its interdiction, or, rather, of the removal of the objections against it, was under discussion among the authorities of the Church, and those who joined were told to hold themselves in readiness to withdraw from it should the decision be against it. No particular stress, however, was laid upon the warning, as its interdiction was not considered probable by the majority of the

In previous years, the question of the right of Catholics to join the Third Order of St. Francis was submitted to Pope Leo, and the fact that he never gave the order his silent sanction. Finally, the Holy See made have the society be reformed in the United States, and the matter was referred to the Archbishops of the United States. In 1902, the year of the centennial of the discussion at the Third Council of Baltimore, new excitement among the Archbishops in favor of the Third Order was kindled.

There was an opposition, however, led mainly by the German-speaking clergy. No decision was reached at the time, and the subject was discussed again at the next meeting of the meetings of the Archbishops of the United States.

In the mean time the German-speaking clergymen, who were opposed to the Odd Fellows, were not idle. They immediately made plans to bring the matter before the Church authorities.

plants were made against the Odd Fellows, but it is certain that one plea for the interdiction of that order, together with the Knights Pythias and *Fidei Temperantia*, translated in the brief Good Templars, was made. This document was submitted to the Pope by Father Peter Rosen, a German priest, who is, or was, stationed at Fairfax, in the diocese of Sioux Falls, S. D. In the complaint addressed to his Holiness the facts that the three societies were secret and that they had rituals not in conformity with those of the Roman Catholic

It is probable that the interdiction was the direct result of this complaint. On the night of the reception to Mgr. Satollari at the De La Salle Institute in Fifty-ninth street a man wearing the dress of a Catholic priest, who spoke with a strong German accent gave a copy of the original document to a SPES reporter. He said that it was on this complaint that the ban had been pronounced. He refused to give his name.

The document is in Latin, and the translation of the words *Fili Templari* as Good Templars may lead to a serious complication. The Good Templars, or the Society of the Holy Temperance were primarily organized for the same purpose, that of spreading the doctrine of total abstinence; they are separate and distinct organizations. The right of Catholics to join the Order of the Holy Temperance is not in question in the manner in which the complaint is written, however, there seems to be a misunderstanding as to which organization is meant, and it is possible that the complaint is not directed at the

Another Night Mission for Bleecker Street.
The good work accomplished by the Florence Crittenton Mission, has led to the establishment

The mission is under control of the Industrial Christian Alliance, and is in the building occupied by the alliance at 179 Bleeker street. A lodging house for men has been conducted there for some time.

The mission was opened yesterday with dedicatory services in the new chapel, which continued until evening.

Where Yesterday's Fires Were.

A. M.—10:00, 475 East Houston street, Louis Miller, damage \$260; 6115, Albany avenue, near Macomb street, Jacob Pollock, damage \$5.

P. M.—12:00, Samuel street, near Artau avenue, Patrick O'Connell, damage slight; 2115, 1415 Third avenue, damage \$10; 3:35, 1st Avenue C, Augustus Harmon, damage \$700; 3:45, 2:027 Third avenue, Charles McHugh, damage slight; 4:05, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 418, 420, 422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 446, 448, 450, 452, 454, 456, 458, 460, 462, 464, 466, 468, 470, 472, 474, 476, 478, 480, 482, 484, 486, 488, 490, 492, 494, 496, 498, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516, 518, 520, 522, 524, 526, 528, 530, 532, 534, 536, 538, 540, 542, 544, 546, 548, 550, 552, 554, 556, 558, 560, 562, 564, 566, 568, 570, 572, 574, 576, 578, 580, 582, 584, 586, 588, 590, 592, 594, 596, 598, 600, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610, 612, 614, 616, 618, 620, 622, 624, 626, 628, 630, 632, 634, 636, 638, 640, 642, 644, 646, 648, 650, 652, 654, 656, 658, 660, 662, 664, 666, 668, 670, 672, 674, 676, 678, 680, 682, 684, 686, 688, 690, 692, 694, 696, 698, 700, 702, 704, 706, 708, 710, 712, 714, 716, 718, 720, 722, 724, 726, 728, 730, 732, 734, 736, 738, 740, 742, 744, 746, 748, 750, 752, 754, 756, 758, 760, 762, 764, 766, 768, 770, 772, 774, 776, 778, 780, 782, 784, 786, 788, 790, 792, 794, 796, 798, 800, 802, 804, 806, 808, 810, 812, 814, 816, 818, 820, 822, 824, 826, 828, 830, 832, 834, 836, 838, 840, 842, 844, 846, 848, 850, 852, 854, 856, 858, 860, 862, 864, 866, 868, 870, 872, 874, 876, 878, 880, 882, 884, 886, 888, 890, 892, 894, 896, 898, 900, 902, 904, 906, 908, 910, 912, 914, 916, 918, 920, 922, 924, 926, 928, 930, 932, 934, 936, 938, 940, 942, 944, 946, 948, 950, 952, 954, 956, 958, 960, 962, 964, 966, 968, 970, 972, 974, 976, 978, 980, 982, 984, 986, 988, 990, 992, 994, 996, 998, 1000, 1002, 1004, 1006, 1008, 1010, 1012, 1014, 1016, 1018, 1020, 1022, 1024, 1026, 1028, 1030, 1032, 1034, 1036, 1038, 1040, 1042, 1044, 1046, 1048, 1050, 1052, 1054, 1056, 1058, 1060, 1062, 1064, 1066, 1068, 1070, 1072, 1074, 1076, 1078, 1080, 1082, 1084, 1086, 1088, 1090, 1092, 1094, 1096, 1098, 1100, 1102, 1104, 1106, 1108, 1110, 1112, 1114, 1116, 1118, 1120, 1122, 1124, 1126, 1128, 1130, 1132, 1134, 1136, 1138, 1140, 1142, 1144, 1146, 1148, 1150, 1152, 1154, 1156, 1158, 1160, 1162, 1164, 1166, 1168, 1170, 1172, 1174, 1176, 1178, 1180, 1182, 1184, 1186, 1188, 1190, 1192, 1194, 1196, 1198, 1200, 1202, 1204, 1206, 1208, 1210, 1212, 1214, 1216, 1218, 1220, 1222, 1224, 1226, 1228, 1230, 1232, 1234, 1236, 1238, 1240, 1242, 1244, 1246, 1248, 1250, 1252, 1254, 1256, 1258, 1260, 1262, 1264, 1266, 1268, 1270, 1272, 1274, 1276, 1278, 1280, 1282, 1284, 1286, 1288, 1290, 1292, 1294, 1296, 1298, 1300, 1302, 1304, 1306, 1308, 1310, 1312, 1314, 1316, 1318, 1320, 1322, 1324, 1326, 1328, 1330, 1332, 1334, 1336, 1338, 1340, 1342, 1344, 1346, 1348, 1350, 1352, 1354, 1356, 1358, 1360, 1362, 1364, 1366, 1368, 1370, 1372, 1374, 1376, 1378, 1380, 1382, 1384, 1386, 1388, 1390, 1392, 1394, 1396, 1398, 1400, 1402, 1404, 1406, 1408, 1410, 1412, 1414, 1416, 1418, 1420, 1422, 1424, 1426, 1428, 1430, 1432, 1434, 1436, 1438, 1440, 1442, 1444, 1446, 1448, 1450, 1452, 1454, 1456, 1458, 1460, 1462, 1464, 1466, 1468, 1470, 1472, 1474, 1476, 1478, 1480, 1482, 1484, 1486, 1488, 1490, 1492, 1494, 1496, 1498, 1500, 1502, 1504, 1506, 1508, 1510, 1512, 1514, 1516, 1518, 152

Proposals.

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By order of the Mayor, counsel to the Corporation,
and Commissioner of Public Works.

W. J. K. KENNY,
Superintendent of the City Record.

NOTICE—Estimates for preparing and building a new canal pier, with dockhouses on the western side of Great Island, Hafen Pier, under contract No. 435, will be received by the Department of Works until 12 o'clock, P. M., of Thursday, March 7, 1907, or until noon on Friday, see the City Record. Copies for sale at No. 24 City Hall.

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